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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.97(c), the references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A are brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of the identified references are enclosed as necessary. This Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") is filed on or before the mailing date of a final office action or a notice of allowance and is accompanied by either: (1) a statement under 37 CFR § 1.97(e), or (2) the fee set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(p).

Pursuant to the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, Chapter 609, applicant requests that the Examiner consider each of the listed documents and initial and return to the undersigned a copy of the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08A.

Pursuant to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's July 11, 2003 waiver of the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(ii), only copies of foreign or other documents are provided. Copies of the U.S. patent references are not provided.

By this submission Applicant does not admit that such documents constitute prior art. Applicant reserves the right to show, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.131 or otherwise, that any of the identified patents and publications, and any referenced in the present application are not prior art with respect to the present application.

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